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ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF OIL AND GAS NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO EXPAND THE PLACER UNIT

The Department of Natural Resources (Department) gives notice under 11 AAC 83.311 of an application to expand the Placer Unit per 11 AAC 83.356. The Placer Unit is located on the North Slope of Alaska, southwest of the Kuparuk River Field. ASRC Exploration, LLC (AEL), the Placer Unit Operator, filed an application to expand the Placer Unit with the Division of Oil and Gas which was deemed complete on October 2, 2012. AEL's address is 3900 C Street, Suite 1000, Anchorage, Alaska 99503.

The proposed expansion area covers approximately 7,288 acres in 4 State of Alaska oil and gas leases including all or portions of the following lands:

T11N-R7 E, U.M., Sections 4--9
T12N-R7 E, U.M., Sections 27-34

Inclusion of the proposed lands in the Placer Unit would bring the total unit area to approximately 8,768 acres, comprising of 8 oil and gas leases.

In accordance with 11 AAC 83.356, geological, geophysical, and engineering information were submitted in support of the application to expand the Placer Unit. The application will be approved if consistent with 11 AAC 83.303, and other applicable statutes and regulations.

You may review the non-confidential portions of the application on the Division of Oil and Gas' website at: <http://www.dog.dnr.state.ak.us/Units/Units.htm#recentpubnot>, or in person at the Division's office at 550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1100, Anchorage, Alaska. Copies of the non-confidential portions of the application are also available by writing to the Division of Oil and Gas, Units Section, at the above address. The Department charges a photocopy fee of \$.25 per sheet 11 AAC 05.010(a)(16)(C).

Any person may file written comment on the application. Comments must be received by **4:30 p.m., Alaska Time, Tuesday, November 13, 2012**, and should be mailed to the Division of Oil and Gas, attention Patricia Bettis, Unit Manager, at the above address. The Department will consider all timely written comments and evaluate the application based on the criteria in 11 AAC 83.303, 11 AAC 83.351 and 11 AAC 83.356. Within 60 days after the close of the comment period, the Department will issue a written decision to approve or deny the unit expansion application. Individuals or groups of people with disabilities, who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or services, or alternative communication formats, please contact Celeste Hayes at (907) 296-8507, or TDD (907) 269-8411 (5 days before end of comment period).

This notice also appears on the State of Alaska website at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/commis/pic/pubnotfrm.htm>.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. C. Barron".
W. C. Barron
Director
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